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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA;
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Re telephone call from Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY, Bureau, to SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN, Dallas.

Assistant Chief of Police, CHARLES E. BATCHELOR, Dallas, PD, this date advised SA VINCENT E. DRAIN that Inspector J. H. SAWYER, [illegible], of the Dallas PD, was one of the first officers to arrive at the scene of the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) building, 411 Elm Street. An unidentified individual told Inspector SAWYER that he had seen an individual run from the TSBD building shortly after the shooting of President KENNEDY and that this individual was an unknown white male, approximately 30, slender build, 5'10", 165 pounds, carrying what looked to be a 30:30, or some type of Winchester rifle. Inspector SAWYER then contacted Dallas Police Sergeant G. D. HENSLEE, Radio Dispatcher, and this description was broadcast to all Dallas squad cars. SAWYER did not get the individual's name who furnished this information, and from affidavits taken subsequently of individuals who were near the scene at the time of the shooting, no identification has been made of the source of this information.

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Captain WILL FRITZ, Homicide Bureau, Dallas PD, advised SA VINCENT E. DRAIN, this date, that he arrived at the TSBD building, 411 Elm Street, some 20 or 25 minutes after the shooting of President KENNEDY. He stated that he interviewed the Manager of the TSBD building, Mr. R. S. TRULY; who furnished him with information concerning employees in that building, and the fact that the only missing employee was LEE HARVEY OSWALD. FRITZ related that shortly after he obtained this information, he returned to the Homicide Bureau, of the Dallas PD, to obtain some "heavy equipment" with the intention of going to Irving, Texas, the residence of OSWALD, which had been given to him by TRULY. FRITZ stated that he had not issued any broadcast for OSWALD, since he did not want to get such description on the air for fear it might come to OSWALD's attention. FRITZ related that he had not advised anyone at the PD relative to OSWALD's description.

At approximately 2:15 P.M., 11/22/63, officers of the Dallas PD brought an individual to the Homicide Bureau whom they had arrested at 1:40 P.M., in the Oak Cliff Section of Dallas, for the shooting of Dallas Police Officer J. D. TIPPIT, at 1:18 P.M., 11/22/63.

FRITZ stated at the time OSWALD was brought to the Homicide Bureau, and OSWALD identified himself as LEE OSWALD, he at that moment knew this individual must be identical with the same individual who was missing from the TSBD building. FRITZ stated that in his opinion, this was the first time it was known that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was probably the individual who had shot President KENNEDY and wounded Governor JOHN CONNALLY. FRITZ related that he placed no stock whatsoever in the broadcast at 12:43 P.M. concerning a description of a white male, 5'10", 165 pounds,

individual who allodjedly was carrying a rifle and was seen running from the TSBD building shortly after the shooting of President KENNEDY. FRITZ stated that many wild descriptions and rumors were being circulated and that from his conversation with OSWALD, he did not believe OSWALD was the type of individual who would run, but probably casually walked away from the building.

A review of the transcript of the Dallas Police radio log for Nov. 22, 1963 reflects the pertinent entry of 12:43 PM reads, "A wanted person in this is a slender white male, about 30, 5'10", 165, carrying what looked to be a 30-30 or some type of Winchester", this being the communication from Inspector SAWYER.

A review of interviews conducted by the Dallas Texas Office reflects HOWARD LESLIE BRENNAN (Report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at Dallas, 11/30/63, on page 12) reflects that BRENNAN observed an individual in the window of the Texas School Book Depository with what appeared to be "a heavy" rifle in his hand. Further, BRENNAN related that he saw the individual point the gun in the direction of the President's car and fire. He described the individual with the gun as a white male, early 30's, about 5'10" tall, and around 165 pounds. It is pointed out that the description furnished by BRENNAN is the same as that contained in the broadcast made by Inspector SAWYER and it appears that in all probability, SAWYER's source of information may have been Mr. BRENNAN. It is further noted that on page 18 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, 12/23/63 it is reflected that HOWARD LESLIE BRENNAN stated he talked to a Dallas Police Officer immediately after the shooting.

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